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DAULBY HALL, DAULBY-STREET, LIVERPOOL.—Special services were held on Sunday at 11 a.m., and 3 and 6.30 p.m., to welcome Mr. Walter Howell as the resident speaker and organiser for the current year. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the audiences were most satisfactory, and the enthusiasm manifested was of a nature to warrant the committee in believing that the scheme was likely to meet with great success. In the morning the Lyceum children welcomed Mr. Howell as their elder brother, and at the evening meeting, Mr. S. S. Chiswell took the chair in the absence of the president (Mr. John Lamont) in London, and was supported by Mrs. Nock, Mrs. Chiswell and Mr. W. J. Rae (vice-presidents), Mr. E. J. Davies (secretary), Mr. James Anderson (financial secretary), Mr. George Wharmby (treasurer), and Mr. Hill (auditor). A formal welcome was tendered to Mr. Howell and enthusiastically endorsed by the audience. Mr. Howell, in responding, briefly sketched the work before the society and himself, and earnestly solicited the hearty co-operation of the members and congregation. The annual conversazione will be held on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at 7 p.m., when an opportunity will be afforded the members of making the personal acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howell.—E.J.D.

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LEICESTER PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY OF SPIRITUALISTS AND THE BRITISH SPIRITUALISTS' LYCEUM UNION.—The executive of the above union held their conference on Saturday, 28th ult., at the house of Mr. Place, the conductor of our Lyceum, and conducted three services in the Queen-street Hall, which were fairly well attended. The members of the union gave short but instructive speeches to the parents and children of our Lyceum on 'The Training of Children,' and Lyceum work generally. Mr. Venables, the esteemed president of the union, conducted the meetings. At the close of the evening service a vote of thanks was passed to the members for their attendance. Mrs. Place gave clairvoyance.—E. LARRAD, Sec.

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BRISTOL.—A two days' campaign in the interest of Spiritualism was held at Bristol on Monday and Tuesday, 6th and 7th inst., and the result should be very encouraging to all who have the welfare of the cause at heart. The large room known as Hamilton's Rooms, Park-street, holding nearly three hundred, was crowded on both occasions with an interested and inquiring audience. On Monday, Mr. Phillips dealt with 'The Bible and Spiritualism,' and cited a number of quotations from the Bible to prove its near relationship to Spiritualism. On Tuesday, the subject was 'The Scientists

and Spiritualism,' when the speaker gave by request a number of names of prominent men who were in sympathy with Spiritualism. After each lecture questions were asked and ably replied to. Good clairvoyant descriptions by Mrs. Dowdall, of Cardiff, a lady well known in the district as a clairvoyante.—W. WEBBER.

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**HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET, BATTERSEA PARK-ROAD.**—On Sunday last we were favoured with local speakers, Mr. Fielder, who spoke from the Christian standpoint, re Spiritualism v. Socialism, taking Christ as an example for all. Mr. and Mrs. Boddington also spoke on the same subject. Mrs. Boddington sang in her usual sweet manner 'Mystic Veil.' Next Sunday, at 7 p.m., Mrs. Bessie Russell-Davies.—J. MURRELL.

**NORTH LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY, 14, STROUD GREEN-ROAD, FINSBURY PARK.**—On Sunday last Messrs. Jones and Brooks conducted the meetings; the subjects, 'Peace and War,' and 'Development of Mediumship,' were dealt with. Messrs. Hewitt, Bailey, Temple, Sutherland, Miles, Chetwin and Cash took part. Sunday next, at 11.30 a.m., and 7 p.m.; Tuesday, at 8 p.m., members' circle; Wednesday, at 8 p.m.—T.B.

**GLASGOW.**—Under the auspices of the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists Miss Rowan Vincent, of London, lectured at Glasgow, Hamilton, Greenock and Dundee, to large audiences. Everywhere she made an excellent impression and the success of her clairvoyance was almost phenomenal, very few failing to recognise the descriptions given. We hope to have frequent opportunities of listening to Miss Vincent in the future.—J.S., Hon. Sec.

**4, MERRINGTON-ROAD, ST. OSWALD'S-ROAD, WEST BROMPTON.**—On Sunday evening last Mr. A. Peters spoke very effectively upon the subject of reincarnation, upon a suggestion from one of the numerous audience. He endeavoured to show that earth incarnations were not desirable from our point of view as Spiritualists. The address was attentively listened to throughout and much appreciated. His clairvoyance was no less successful, fifteen descriptions being fully recognised and chiefly by strangers to Spiritualism. Next Sunday, at 7 p.m., Miss F. Porter.—W.S.S.

**DUNDEE.**—At a recent 'At Home' of Dundee Spiritualists and their friends the chairman made the following remarkable claim: 'Although as a society we have not created great stir or noise in the city, we have done in a quiet way what all the churches have failed to do, and that is to bring to some the knowledge (not the belief, or the faith, or hope only, but the absolute knowledge) that those whom the world calls dead live, and still love us, and can commune with us, and convince us of their continued existence beyond the grave.'—Dundee Evening Telegraph.

**SOUTH LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' MISSION, SURREY MASONIC HALL, CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD, S.E.**—Last Sunday morning at our public circle we had a good attendance. Mr. W. E. Long presided; and good conditions prevailed. In the evening, Mr. W. E. Long gave a trance address on 'The Science of Life,' being one of a series of three addresses. On Sunday next, at 11 a.m., public circle; at 3 p.m., children's Sunday-school; at 6 p.m., lending library; at 6.30 p.m., Mr. W. E. Long, 'The Philosophy of Death'; at 8 p.m., circle for members and associates; circles as usual at 12, Lowth-road, S.E.—VERAX.

**STOKE NEWINGTON SPIRITUAL SOCIETY, BLANCHE HALL, 99, WIESBADEN-ROAD, STOKE NEWINGTON-ROAD (Near Alexandra Theatre).**—On Sunday last, owing to the indisposition of 'Evangel,' we had the pleasure of listening to an uplifting and helpful address from the inspirers of Mr. Bradley. The control (a clergyman when in earth life) brought home very forcibly the duty of Spiritualists one to another, and strongly urged the audience to cultivate love for their less fortunate brothers and sisters. Sunday next, address by 'Evangel,' followed by clairvoyance by Mr. J. A. White. On Monday, at 8 p.m., circle for members at 51, Bouverie-road; and Thursday, at 8 p.m., at 59, Barratt's-grove; medium Mr. White.—A. CLEGG, Hon. Sec.

**CAVENDISH ROOMS, 51, MORTIMER-STREET, W.**—A very numerous audience assembled at these rooms on Sunday evening last, when a discourse was delivered by Mr. G. H. Bibbings. The words, 'Joy that cometh in the morning,' formed the title of the address, and with unmistakable ability did the speaker show that Spiritualism was truly the 'Joy that cometh in the morning.' The address throughout was a brilliant exposition of the philosophy of Spiritualism. Mr. Bibbings' services were enthusiastically appreciated by his hearers. We still note that when enthusiasm is aroused it does not seem to help to swell the collection to such an extent as might be reasonably imagined, but we fear such an effect of 'thoughts enthusiastic' is all too uncommon! Next Sunday, at 7 p.m., Miss Rowan Vincent, address and clairvoyance. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Solo ('The Star of Bethlehem') will be sung by Miss Samuel.—L. H.

**DOVER.**—Under the auspices of the Dover Psychological Society, a most interesting and extremely eloquent lecture on the subject, 'Spiritualism from Opposition Benches,' was delivered at the Granville Hall, by Mr. G. H. Bibbings, on Monday evening. The meeting was ably presided over by Mr. Woodruff, and there was a fairly large audience, who, needless to add, listened with rapt attention to the speaker. Mr. Bibbings tackled his subject in capital style, and at the conclusion of his address the lecturer, in reply to various questions, stated that he believed that we were drawn nearer to a universal acceptance of the benefits of Spiritualism by our knowledge of hypnotism. He could not give a satisfactory answer for the moment as to whether any other animal had a spirit life after death. In conclusion, the lecturer made allusion to the fact that at no distant time a book composed by a high Church dignitary will be brought upon the market in favour of the principles of Spiritualism.—W.

**BRISTOL SPIRITUALISTIC SOCIETY.**—A meeting in connection with this society was held on Tuesday evening, 14th inst., at Hamilton's Rooms, Park-street, when a lecture, delivered by Mr. G. H. Bibbings (editor of the 'Torch'), was listened to with interest by a fairly numerous audience. The speaker remarked that in the British Isles 750,000 people were avowed Spiritualists, and an equal number probably believed in the subject, but did not care to identify themselves with it from a social standpoint. They were going to ask themselves a question of grave moment that evening, for if Spiritualism were not true, it stood as the most awful evidence that the world had ever known. He gave as his definition of Spiritualism, 'The science of communion with discarnate human beings,' and in support of his subject he quoted the reports of several well-known persons who had conducted investigations, including Canon Fawcett, of York Cathedral, the Rev. Father Clark, Sir William Crookes, and others.—Western Daily News.

**BURNBANK SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.**—Under the auspices of this association, the first of a series of lectures was given in the Burgh Hall, on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., by Miss Rowan Vincent, of London, to an overcrowded audience, many being refused admittance. The chair was occupied by Mr. James Robertson, president of the Glasgow Association. Introducing Miss Vincent in an eloquent and masterly speech, he contended that Spiritualism proved that the revelation of God was not final. Miss Vincent, whose address was well received, alluded to the consolation of spirit communion, supplying, as it did, the want of all to know facts which they could demonstrate for themselves regarding the departed, and the conditions of their lives. She maintained that it was Spiritualism alone that could scientifically demonstrate a life hereafter, showing in this connection that it was the greatest foe to materialism. Miss Vincent, who has the gift of discerning the spirit, described eleven spirit forms present, eight of whom were recognised by members of the audience. Amongst these were several opponents of Spiritualism, the others being non-Spiritualists. The meeting, which was conducted throughout in a most reverent and religious manner, was closed with praise and prayer.—Hamilton Advertiser.

## FELIXSTOWE.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held over, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.



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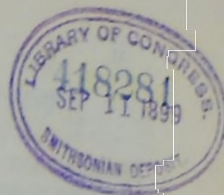
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SOCIETY WORK.

CAMBERWELL—33, GROVE-LANE, S.E.—On Sunday last Mrs. Holgate's control expressed much pleasure at the new hall. His explanation of Spiritualism, and his good advice on health, were listened to by a large number of people. Clairvoyant descriptions were given by Mr. Lovett and others at the after-circle.—F.S.G.

HACKNEY SOCIETY OF SPIRITUALISTS, MANOR ROOMS, KENMURE-ROAD, MARE-STREET, N.E.—Last Sunday Mr. Alfred Peters addressed the evening meeting in earnest style, and also gave several excellent clairvoyant descriptions, which were nearly all recognised at the time. Next Sunday, at 11.30 a.m., an open-air meeting in Victoria Park; at 7 p.m., at the hall, Mrs. H. Boddington.—O.H.

NORTH LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY, 14, STROUD GREEN-ROAD, FINSBURY PARK.—Open-air Mission.—On Sunday last Messrs. Pursglove and Brooks conducted the meeting; many of the hearers also attending the evening service at the hall. Mr. Willis presided, and read an address on 'Spiritualism,' followed by Messrs. W. Wallace, Hewitt, Arthur and Brooks.—T.B.

STOKE NEWINGTON SPIRITUAL SOCIETY, BLANCHE HALL, 99, WIESBADEN-ROAD, STOKE NEWINGTON-ROAD (Near Alexandra Theatre).—'Music hath charms,' is a proverb that was well sustained by our choir in their efforts and good services rendered on Sunday last. An address by our president, Mr. E. Whyte, on 'What must I do to be saved?' riveted the attention of the audience with its pathos and vigour, and was applauded. On Sunday next Miss MacCreadie will name two infants. On Wednesday, September 20th, at 8 p.m., Mr. Bibbings will occupy our platform.—C.A.W.

WALSALL—CENTRAL HALL.—On Sunday last Mr. E. W. Wallis gave two highly-interesting addresses on 'The Gospel of Spiritualism' and 'Spiritualism in its Relation to Science and Religion.' He said that what was wanted was a Gospel that calls into expression the Divine within. He declared, with delightful optimism, that 'ours is a Gospel of life; life triumphant.' Science was defined as the systematised knowledge of ascertained facts, and religion as the knowledge of the relationship to, and dependence upon, God. At the Lyceum session Mr. Wallis was accompanied by Mr. B. B. Hill and Mrs. Cadwallader, who both expressed their interest in the Lyceum work and the pleasure it gave them to be present.—A.G.

CHURCH OF THE SPIRIT, SURREY MASONIC HALL, CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD, S.E.—The public services on Sunday last were well attended and much interest was evinced in the evening address upon 'The Gift of the Spirit.' We were glad to welcome many friends from other London societies. At the church meeting we received with regret the resignation of Mr. A. Claireaux, to whom a vote of thanks was unanimously passed thanking him for past services. The duties of secretary will be entrusted to Mr. J. Checketts, 69, Saltoun-road, Brixton, to whom all applications for membership, &c., should be sent. On Sunday next, at 6.30 p.m., we are to receive the first of a series of addresses on 'The States of the After Life.' Friends are heartily welcome to the public circle at 11 a.m.—W. E. LONG.

CAVENDISH ROOMS, 51, MORTIMER-STREET, W.—A hearty welcome was accorded Miss MacCreadie on Sunday evening last, when she occupied the platform at these rooms, having just returned from a visit to Scotland. She gave twenty-seven clairvoyant descriptions, eighteen of which were immediately recognised, and three more were remembered ere the meeting dispersed. Every available seat was occupied. Much inquiry was aroused, and the workers here were again encouraged. It is particularly pleasing to meet members and friends at the Sunday meetings, their presence and their interest being the great factor in the successful sustaining of these meetings. Next Sunday, at 7 p.m., Mr. G. Bibbings, trance address; doors open at 6.30 o'clock. A good attendance is expected.—L.H.

HENLEY-STREET SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, BATTERSEA PARK-ROAD.—Last Sunday, in Battersea Park, the debate between Mr. Mist (Nazarene) and Mr. Adams (Spiritualist) was continued for the third and last time. At Henley-street Church, at 7 p.m., Mr. Adams opened the meeting with a short address on 'Telepathy and Mesmerism.' Mr. H. Boddington also addressed the audience on similar lines, and fully explained the difference between a medium and a person who is mesmerised. Next Sunday, at 3.30 p.m., debate in Battersea Park between Mr. H. Boddington and Mr. Mist; also at 3.30 p.m., meeting on Clapham-common; at Henley-street Church, at 3 p.m., Lyceum; at 7 p.m., Mr. Davis will address the meeting. On Tuesdays, at 6.30 p.m., Band of Hope. On Thursdays, at 8 p.m., a public circle is held. On Saturdays, at 8.30 p.m., a meeting for members and friends.—H. B.

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33, GROVE-LANE, CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Sunday last the platform was occupied by Mr. Clare, who gave a very interesting address upon 'There is no Death.' Miss Goddard sang a solo entitled 'There's a beautiful land on high.' At the after-circle descriptions and clairvoyance were given by Mrs. Holgate and Mr. Lovett to a good audience.—F. S. G.

HACKNEY SOCIETY OF SPIRITUALISTS, MANOR ROOMS, KENMURE-ROAD, MARE-STREET, N.E.—The Sunday evening meeting was addressed by Mrs. Boddington (of Battersea), who, after referring to the consolations of Spiritualism, pointed out how important it is that everyone should endeavour to live up to its highest teachings; and so work hand in hand with the angels for the good of humanity. Needless to say, the address was listened to with great attention, as also was a solo which Mrs. Boddington kindly contributed. Next Sunday evening, Mr. D. J. Davis will be the speaker.—J. K.

STOKE NEWINGTON SPIRITUAL SOCIETY, BLANCHE HALL, 99, WIESBADEN-ROAD, STOKE NEWINGTON-ROAD (Near Alexandra Theatre).—Our Lyceum children were to the front on Sunday last at the evening service, and with the choir rendered good music to honour the naming of the infant children of Mrs. Clegg and Mrs. Love, by 'Sunshine,' the favourite control of Miss MacCreadie. The kind pathetic words 'Sunshine' addressed to the parents will be long remembered, as also will the successful clairvoyant descriptions which followed. On Sunday next Mr. J. A. White will give clairvoyance.—C. A. W.

LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' CONFERENCE.—An open-air meeting will be held at Ravenscourt Park, Hammersmith, on Sunday, October 1st, at 11.30 a.m. Friends book to Ravenscourt Park Station. A conference will be held at 73, Becklow-road, Shepherd's Bush, at 3 p.m., when all friends who are interested in unity are earnestly invited to attend, as all known societies are invited to send delegates. A good time is expected, with every encouragement for future work. Tea will be provided by the Shepherd's Bush friends at 6d. each. Several speakers have promised to be present for the evening meeting.—M. CLEGG, Secretary.

CAVENDISH ROOMS, 51, MORTIMER-STREET, W.—The brilliant oration delivered by Mr. G. H. Bibbings on Sunday last, created a great impression upon the large audience assembled. The title of the address was 'Science Baffled,' and the eloquent exposition of the question involved afforded abundant proof of the great abilities of this speaker. A copy of an address of sympathy to Madame Dreyfus was very numerously signed at the conclusion of the meeting, and forwarded, immediately afterwards, to the offices of 'The Daily Chronicle.' On Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Miss MacCreadie will give clairvoyance. Doors open at 6.30 p.m., early attendance specially requested.—L. H.

CHURCH OF THE SPIRIT, SURREY MASONIC HALL, CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD, S.E.—As usual, the morning circle last Sunday was well attended, and the results were both gratifying and uplifting. Strangers and investigators are earnestly invited to attend these meetings. At the evening service our leader's guide 'Douglas' dealt with the first of a series of four addresses on 'The States of Death,' in his usual eloquent style, the rapt attention of a numerous audience testifying to their interest and appreciation. The after-circle was, indeed, a dispensation of spiritual food, the good seed being sown with most beneficial results. On Sunday next, at 11 a.m., public circle, doors closed at 11.15 a.m. prompt; at 6.30 p.m., the second of the series of addresses upon 'The States of Death' will be given.—J. C.

HENLEY-STREET SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, BATTERSEA PARK-ROAD.—Last Sunday morning a debate was held in Battersea Park, between Mr. Mist (Nazarene) and Mr. H. Boddington (Spiritualist), before a large audience. A very successful meeting was also held on Clapham Common, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. W. Stebbings being the speakers. At the evening meeting at Henley-street Church, we were favoured with a visit from Mr. Davis of Canning Town. During his excellent address Mr. Davis contended that the teachings of Spiritualism would improve the moral side of a person's character more than would those of any other religion. Mr. W. Stebbings presided over the meeting. Next Sunday, at 3 p.m., Lyceum; at 3.30 p.m., meetings will be held in Battersea Park and on Clapham Common; at 7 p.m. sharp, at Henley-street Church, Mr. White, of Stoke Newington, will occupy the platform. Tuesday, at 6.30 p.m., Band of Hope meeting. Thursday, at 8 p.m., public circle. Saturday, at 8.30 p.m., members and friends' social evening.—H. B.

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**CHURCH OF THE SPIRIT, SURREY MASONIC HALL, CAMBERWELL, N.E.**—An interested audience was present at our Sunday morning circle. The subject of the evening address was: 'The Living Christ.' The divinity and nobility of the man Jesus were set forth in clear and unmistakable language and the glorious triumph of life through death (so-called) was illustrated and explained in all its spiritual truth and grandeur. From Jesus the man, the audience were led, step by step, to the Living Christ—the living example of the truth, the way, and the life. The after-circle was numerically and prayerfully strong and earnest. On Sunday next, at 11 a.m., a public circle will be held; doors closed at 11.15 prompt. A hearty welcome is extended to all, and questions are cordially invited. At 6.30 p.m., Mr. W. E. Long's guide will deliver an address upon 'Healing the Sick.'—J. C.

**HENLEY-STREET SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, BATTERSEA PARK-ROAD.**—On Sunday last a very satisfactory meeting was held in Battersea Park. Mr. H. Boddington gave an address on the different points of Spiritualism which are of interest to inquirers, and afterwards very ably answered questions from the audience. At the evening meeting Mrs. Boddington gave an interesting address on 'The Gifts of Mediumship,' which was greatly appreciated by the numerous audience. Mr. Boddington presided. Next Sunday, at 11 a.m., class for discussion; at 3 p.m., Lyceum; at 3.30 p.m., meetings in Battersea Park and on Clapham Common. The annual tea meeting will afterwards be held. Tickets 6d. each. At 7 p.m. various speakers will occupy the platform. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place after the evening meeting. Tuesday, at 6.30 p.m., Band of Hope. Thursday, at 8 p.m., public circle. Saturday, at 8.30 p.m., members and friends.—W. J. T.

**HACKNEY SOCIETY OF SPIRITUALISTS, MANOR ROOMS, KENMURE-ROAD, MAE- STREET, N.E.**—Mr. D. J. Davis took as his subject on Sunday evening last the question of whether Spiritualism provided an adequate philosophy of life; and in his vigorous style answered it in the affirmative, declaring that no other philosophy with which he was acquainted afforded so much freedom for the development of each individuality. Next Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, an address will be given by our president, Mr. J. Kinsman. The accounts presented to the members of the above society at the annual meeting, on the 25th inst., showed a good balance on the right side, in spite of the fact that considerable sums have been spent on propaganda work during the twelve months. It was decided to make immediate application for federation with the Spiritualists' National Federation; and the following officers were appointed for the coming year:—President, Mr. John Kinsman (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. H. A. Gatter; treasurer, Mr. Rist (re-elected); librarian, Mr. Osborne; hon. secretary, Mr. O. Hudson, 5, Heathland-road, Stamford-hill, N. (re-elected).—O. H.

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BATTERSEA SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, HENLEY-STREET, BATTERSEA PARK-ROAD.—On Sunday last, our anniversary tea and service were very successful, both being well attended. During the evening several friends gave short and interesting addresses. After the meeting the annual election of officers took place, with the following result: Mrs. Boddington, president; Mr. Adams, vice-president; Mr. H. Boddington, secretary; Mr. Timson, treasurer; Mr. Wyndoe and Mr. Murrell, auditors; Miss K. Spencer, pianist; Miss M. Spencer, provident secretary; Mr. W. Boddington, members' secretary; Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Sussons, wardens; Mr. Turner, librarian; Mr. Rogers, assistant librarian; Miss Timson, newsagent; Press secretary, Miss Morris. Services on Sunday next: At 11.30 a.m., public discussion; at 3 p.m., Lyceum; at 3.30 p.m., Battersea Park and Clapham Common (weather permitting); at 7 p.m., public meeting; the usual workers. On Tuesday, November 14th, at 6.30 p.m., Band of Hope. On Thursday, November 16th, Mr. E. W. Wallis, as representative and secretary of the London Spiritualist Alliance, will give a trance address on 'Spiritualism: Its Power, Purpose, and Principles.' On Saturday, November 18th, at 8.30 p.m., a social evening for members and friends.—Y. MORRIS.

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#### THE UNITED STATES.

The Annual Convention of the Spiritualist National Association of America, which met in Chicago last month, was in every way successful. Upwards of one hundred delegates were present and the best feelings of harmony and good will prevailed. The treasurer's report showed a favourable state of the funds and during the Convention promises of donations were made, totalling up to some three thousand dollars, towards securing the 'Headquarters' to the association. We are pleased to record that our good friend, Mr. Harrison D. Barrett, was re-elected president with acclamation, and that there are indications of increased prosperity for the public work of Spiritualism in the United States.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

- 'Psyche,' for November. London: 26, Paternoster-square, E.C. Price 1d. monthly.
- 'The Lyceum Banner,' for November. London: J. J. Morse, 26, Osnaaburgh-street, N.W. Price 1d.
- 'The English Theosophist,' for November. London: H.P.B. Press, 60, Malmesbury-road, Bow, E. Price 1d.
- 'The Arena.' London agents: Gay & Bird, 22, Bedford-street, Strand, W.C. Price 1s. 3d.
- 'Present Immortality.' Being the Modern Revelation of Truth. By A. H. CURRER. London: Watts & Co., 17, Johnson's-court, Fleet-street, E.C. Price 6d.
- 'Occult Truths.' A monthly magazine. Published by Charles W. Smiley, 943, Mass-avenue, Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Price 1d. per year.
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